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ous by their absence.

which maintain their symmetry of so scatters far and wide its seeds. growth in spite of the trade wind.

with pine, cypress or cedar. The heavy, is given to the foliage plant? Custom or black, hard wood of the tree has been fashion has something to do with it, but used by the South Sea islanders for custom is generally based on reason, and lands forks were made of it to be used shade-loving plants must have the preexclusively in the cannibal feasts. Ex- ference, and in the second that plants cept in eating human flesh they used which retain their beauty the year round, One of the finest exotic shade trees is equally perennial.

lulu as the monkey-pod tree. It is one lights in color, and will not be content of the numerous leguminous trees that with the beauty of form alone. But in have been introduced-most of them be- Honolulu the flower bed is not a neceslonging to the Acacia or to the Cassia sity in order to satisfy this craving. If a great spreading tree of rapid growth, tries in tubs, but perennial sheaves of throwing out its branches as near the bloom, redolent of perfume; and Alaground as circumstances will permit, manda vine shading the veranda, and and trees of the same species do not flowers are of an orange yellow color. Island orders given prompt attention.

Like many other plants of the family, it has the habit of folding together its ion.

Like many other plants of the family, gorgeous the year round with its great golden blossoms; perhaps a Thunbergia golden blossoms; perhaps a Thunbergia giving generously blue to supplement the giving generously blue to supplement the it presents a neculiar wilted appearance gold, or if a richer blue is sought, a quite in contrast with its ordinary as- Clitoria vine; a hedge of scarlet Hisbis- pineae, especially that light up with ing with the principal roots, the foliage pect, which is one of exhuberant vitalragged in winter, but only preparatory pect for a month or two when the leaves the most ommon. The species of cassia like leaves, as beautiful as the fronds of to a more glorious rehabilitation, which drop from their club like stems, but which are shrubs or shrubby vines rather a fern. Were it not for the great flat culminates with its blossoming time, which make ample atonement the rest when for weeks the deep, rich green of of the year in the profusion of their many of them are perennial bloomers. when for weeks the deep, rich green of of the year in the profusion of their many of t mist of rose-purple. The blossoms, like tinted, starlike blossoms; if one has a sometimes large trees, the blossoms bethose of other acacias, are tassels confew plants like these he may rest satissisting mostly of the conspicuous fila- fied as regards his appetite for color, tree of this genus is the yellow poinciana, ments. A tree twenty years old may Even without this, he may have all a massive head of finely cut foliage; the girth, and cover with its shade a circle surfeit of color. A neighbor has perhaps purple pods, so numerous as to give the burns a dazzling glow of crimson. Day ally seen in Honolulu, is a tree for the the deep green of its foliage will be small trees, remarkable for their twowealthy man. For the poor—and for the flecked at first with a ruddy purple— lobed leaves (whence named for the lighted up by those masses of solid colrich as well—there is the algaroba, the tree that more than any other gives patches of color will spread and become to pink and red rather than to yellow. What the elm is to those in the Northern States, the algaroba is to the kamament in decorative art belonging to a on a paler ground, having been sprinkled aina in Honolulu. Its lank, lawless, primitive and barbaric stage. You are according to tradition with the blood of spicuous, but they have a picturesque- peated it. There are varieties of Bou- Very conspicuous throughout the sumness of their own, and if we have been inclined to take offense at them on ar- color-salmon, brick red, even an orange lulu as the golden shower, or more protistic considerations, there is a grace in scarlet. What is remarkable in all is saically as the pudding stick tree-to the poise of its slender branchlets and a that it is not the flowers at all that are medical men familiar as Purging cassia, witchery in their swa ing to the breeze, thus colored. It is only the bracts that Cathartocarpus fistula. The foliage is and a lightheartedness and abandon with enclose the inconspicuous flower clus- comparatively scanty, consisting of pinwhich the living tree gives itself to play ters. The plant is of the same family nate leaves with large entire leaflets. with sunlight and shower, with gale and as the four o'clock, in which, botanists The cylindrical, deep brown pods, fifteen hat in the human life that reflects the corolla.

> te universal. Not on sentimental grounds only is the algaroba a favorite. It is a tree easily propagated and of rapid growth. Its diaphanous shade moderates the heat of the tropical sun, yet permits the grass of the lawn beneath it to grow perfectly vell, in dry seasons indeed saves it from scorching. It supplies fuel for the kitchen, fodder (in its saccharine pods) for the horses, and honey of finest quality for the beehive. Finally its roots go so deep that they find water for vigorous growth where other trees can be kept alive only by irrigation. The arid low-lands on the lee coasts of Oahu, Molokai and Hawaii have been converted from desert to forest by the algaroba tree. And the parent tree from which these forests have sprung still stands, not yet an old tree, near the Roman

Catholic "Cathedral" on Fort street. In driving out into the country near Honolulu, you are surprised to find how few wayside flowers there are. You look in vain for anything corresponding goldenrods, asters or gentians. You may, very rarely, see a forlorn weed-the plant was introduced long ago, but does not thrive and multiply-

the bright colors are almost absent. Yes, there are white poppy thistles, Agemone Mexicana, as fine as you will see anywhere-and over rocky ledges you may see spread a mantle of convolvulus, with profusion of blossoms perhaps white striped with pink, perhaps blue, pale, but vivid, changing to pink. Here and there the sand near the shore may be carpeted with nohu-Zygophyllum tribulum-and surely nothing could be more gay than the gold of its delicately fragrant blossoms-Mahukona violets they are called locally. But, for the most part the flowers by the wayside are inconspicuous and of dull colors.

But you have forgotten lantana! No, 'that is another story." Lantana cannot be counted as a wayside wild flower. It has taken possession of all the land, and would leave no road at all if perpetual warfare were not waged upon it. Gay enough it is, but with its calico colors covering hill and dale and field, you look in vain for the individual prize which you could bring home as a wild flower. For once nature has placed in King Street, opposite Young Hotel juxtaposition in this plant harshly incongruous colors, but who could have imagined thirty years ago that the care-Official and Commercial Record con- fully tended garden novelty seen here generation convert into impenetrable

(Continued from yesterday.) - I plants which in temperate climes must Other fruits that will be found in Ho- be kept in pots half the year for fear of injury from frost can hardly understand nolulu are the South American mammee | what I mean when I speak of this plant | apple, a fine tree with handsome foliage; as in complete possession, but on Oahu the pomegranate, planted as an orna- it is not frost but drought that it has mental shrub rather than for the sake to contend with, and it seems impossiof its fruit; the pineapple, in numerous ble to scorch the life out of the plant, varieties; the loquat (Rosaceous); the In a tropical climate its growth is as-Java plum and so-called Spanish cherry tonishingly robust. Three or four feet (both Myrtaceous) and the familiar in height is a minimum; except in parch-peach. Very few of the fruits of the ed regions, five or eight feet is more temperate zone will grow in Honolulu, common, and in the borders of the for-Apples, pears, plums, cherries, as well ests where moisture is abundant, it beas such berries as the raspberry, black- comes almost a tree. I have a piece of berry, currant, gooseberry are conspicu- one of the trunks that measures fully four inches in diameter; the plant, sup-But few coniferous trees appear in ported as it was by neighboring forest Honolulu. The Monterey cypress is trees, was not less than twenty feet planted long ago in Nuuanu Cemete-y, high. But however favorable the climaand perhaps for this reason is scarcely tic environment, the lantana could never seen elsewhere. Instead of pines and have spread as it has without assistance. pruces, we find araticarias, which cer- It found an ally in the newly introduced ainly supply their places very well, and mynah bird, which feeds on its fruit and

Returning to the city, where lantana One tree which is more frequently is prescribed, we look about for garden seen in and about Honolulu than any flowers. Every dwelling of any pretenof the foregoing, and which is frequent- sion shows evidence of the care of a ly mistaken for a conifer is the iron- yard man, who keeps up the grounds. wood, Casuarin equisetifolia, probably He could surely find time to plant and originally a native of Australia, although tend a flower bed, but it is quite the exnow widely distributed in tropical coun- ception to find that he has done this. tries. A leafless tree with drooping fila- In place of flowering plants, you will mentous branchlets simulating the foli- find bordering the driveway and about age of the pines, and with a fruit quite the dwelling foliage plants and ferns that anticipate the general blossoming— colored crab apple blossoms, but the tree as cone-like in appearance certainly as rather than flowers. Is it because the that of the juniper, it might with great yard man is not a skilled horticulturist, show of plausibility claim relationship or is there good reason why preference making war clubs, and in the Fiji is- here it is evident in the first place that simply their fingers. The tree was not and year after year will in the natural known, however, to the aboriginal Ha- course of things displace in a little while the flowering plants which are not

the samang, commonly known in Hono- There is another reason. The eye de-The foliage may become a little Plumierias, that may be ungainly-in ashave a bole twelve or fifteen feet in through the summer months almost a ample flower clusters giving place to Here and there among the branches a hundred feet in diameter. The saming an arbor covered with a Bougainvillea whole tree their ruddy hue. obviously, like the banyan, also occasion- vine. When the blossoming time comes, character to the Honolulu landscapes. confluent, until the whole arbor is a In the St. Thomas tree, the petals of mass of purple. It seems like an experi- the showy flowers have crimson spots often contorted, branches are too con- not sorry that nature has not yet re- the martyred saint. gainvillea, however, of a more pleasing mer months is the tree known in Honoephyr, that makes irresistable appeal to tell us that the colored part is calyx, not inches or more in length and three-

porches and barns, a Bignonia, but un- they sway with every breeze. In spring like the Trumpet Creeper, makes the the buds appear in drooping panicles, Bougainvillea envious when it puts on and then for four months there is a conits gala dress. Here again is solid color, tinuous succession of the pure primrose but no longer the suggestions of the dye yellow, fragrant blossoms that justify vat. It is the color of living flame, not the popular name of the tree. The peuniform in tint, but full of lights and tals which are of a delicate, rich color, shades such as belong to veritable flame, are really coarse in texture; this explains wholly concealing the every day garment of green which it covers, for weeks at a time, and more than once in the year. Cassia, and called Horse Cassia, has foli-

Stephanotis, whose fragrant clusters in though the leaves are larger and the

when the ungainly fleshy stems of the blossoms which remind one of those of nightblooming cereus (Cereus triquetra) the Judas tree last only a few weeks. mer months, with their giant hily blos- appearance resemble those of Purging with buttercups, daisies, sunflowers, Oahu College—a continuous stretch of verse diaphragms separating the seeds common thing to see two thousand blos- species each seed is enclosed in a tiny the following night may see it restored. flowers are produced in clusters which The plant blossoms two nights in suc- closely surround the boughs of the pre-

HERPICIDE WILL SAYE IT.

flowers for the third night, or a few size, shape and color the largest, deepest then there will be a rest while a new remains apparently in full bloom ten or crop of buds develop. The flowers are twelve weeks, a joy to the eye to beprovided each with a score of stigmas hold. There is in fact, as in the golden and a thousand stamens-I have counted shower, a succession of blossoms, no them more than once, myself-they are one lasting probably more than about ten visited by swarms of honey bees and by days. The only name known for it is other insects, and yet very rarely indeed Honolulu is simply Cathartocarpus. I

just spoken of. ors are often brilliant, and the blossom-

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fourths of an inch in diameter, are Another vine often trained over rather ornamental than otherwise, as fortnight without noticeable change.

Another tree allied to the Purging to twenty inches long, and more than an | Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii. The same snow effect is produced inch in diameter; but in this species, the

which are piled up on stone fences, mak- A third allied species has a foliage ing the semblance of an evergreen hedge, very similar to that just described, only clothe themselves, as they do once in that the heavy fronds have a peculiarly three or four weeks, through the sum- graceful droop. The pods in external soms. There is one of those hedges at Cassia. In the latter the pod has transtwo hundred vards, on which it is a which are embedded in pulp. In this morning the glory is departed, although coins rolled up in brown paper. The cession, with perhaps a few belated vious year's growth. They resemble in

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very few each time, on the hedge I have | I have left for the last, mention of a genus which must be the first to attract But trees vie with vines and humbler the attention of the stranger, viz: plants in decking themselves in lively Poinciana, nearly related to Caesalpinia. colors. With us in the temperate zone, One species forms a rather straggling the blossoming time of a tree is of neces- shrub with thorny branches, known comsity short, and it must come generally monly as Pride of Barbadoes, or Barnot later than June or early July. The badoes flower-fence, the scarlet and flowers, if colored at all, are generally orange blossoms with crimped petals white, the tulip tree, Judas tree, and a and long exserted stamens, forming group, and having accordingly compound or decompound leaves. This is spindling little plants seen in some counceptions. Among tropical trees the colceptions. Among tropical trees the colceptions. Among tropical trees the colceptions. ing its numerous buds. A second species ing season may be greatly prolonged, (sappan) is very similar except that the

> size, the smooth trunk expanded at the It is trees of the Cassia family, Caesal- base laterally into buttresses correspondlulu residences. Yellows are perhaps ers, and consisting of regular mimosathan trees have all yellow flowers, and coarse pods, twelve to sixteen inches long, by one and a half wide, you would begins to put on its summer adornments by day new flames burst out, and then they spread and coalesce until the whole tree is ablaze. How the landscape is right to this queen, for whom it is right too, that the ground beneath should have its thick piled carpet of the unfaded fallen petals.

There are other plants equally embued with a passion for brilliant color-the cardinal flower of the meadow, the Zauchneria of California hillsides, the Atamasco lily, the scarlet Salvia, the rose and the carnation of the gardens, but where among them all is one which can pour forth her passion in any such lavish creation? Well is the tree named

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